

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

ADOLPHUS WOODS,

Defendant-Appellant.

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No. 232824

Wayne Circuit Court

LC No. 00-006572

Before: Talbot, P.J., and Cooper and D. P. Ryan*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant appeals as of right his bench trial convictions for second-degree murder, MCL 750.317, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, MCL 750.227b. We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

On appeal, defendant asserts that there was insufficient evidence to support his convictions. In determining whether sufficient evidence has been presented to sustain a conviction, this Court views the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution and determines whether a rational trier of fact could find that the essential elements of the crime were proven beyond a reasonable doubt. *People v Johnson*, 460 Mich 720, 723; 597 NW2d 73 (1999).

A rational factfinder could have found that the elements of the crime were proven beyond a reasonable doubt. The convictions arose out of the shooting death of a cabdriver. A witness specifically identified defendant, noting his limp and her previous interactions with him as a neighbor. She saw defendant leaving the cab, returning to it, and driving it away. The bullet hole in the Plexiglas directly behind the driver's headrest and the wound in the back of the victim's head were indicative of an intent to kill. The witness saw defendant removing something from the cab, and the victim's body was found in the street after the cab was driven away. Police found 9-millimeter shell casings in the cab and in defendant's house. The victim's

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

personal belongings were also found in defendant's house. The evidence was sufficient to support the convictions.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper

/s/ Daniel P. Ryan